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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Mexican Source for San Diego Meth Traffickers Sentenced to 20 Years

(U) A major source of methamphetamine for San Diego trafficking organizations—who fled to Mexico during his 2009 trial and was a fugitive for several years—was sentenced in federal court this week to 20 years in prison. Salvador Ojeda Amarillas, 62, of Culiacán, Sinaloa, was accused of coordinating the smuggling of meth from Mexico into San Diego and then distributing the drug throughout the county from 2003 to 2007, according to court records.

SOURCE: 21 June 2018, Los Angeles Times

(U) Stockton – Data-Driven Policing Leads to Gang Arrests in 3 Stockton Homicides

(U) The Stockton Police department is crediting new data-driven tactics for the arrests of 10 alleged gang members on charges of murder and possession of weapons, drugs, and stolen property. The nine month investigation, which concluded on 15 June, looked into crimes in San Joaquin County dating back to August 2017 and linked to a gang called the East Oak Street Nortenos. The police department is trying to move away from wide, blanket investigations and move towards more analytics and data-driven tactics, according to Stockton Police.

SOURCE: 21 June 2018, Sacramento Bee

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Authorities Discover 54 Immigrants during South Texas Stash House Raids

(U) Alamo – Fifty-four undocumented immigrants were found in South Texas on 20 June during two separate stash house raids, federal authorities said. US Border Patrol agents coordinated with Hidalgo County constables to identify and disrupt the stash house operations within hours. One stash house was located in Mission where 26 illegal aliens were apprehended. The second stash house was identified in Alamo where 28 illegal aliens were discovered. The subjects were determined to be from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

SOURCE: 21 June 2018, Laredo Morning Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Minnesota – Three Men Indicted for Minnesota Mosque Bombing

(U) Bloomington – Three men from a rural community in Illinois were indicted yesterday and charged for the 2017 bombing of a mosque outside Minneapolis, US prosecutors said. Michael McWhorter, 29, Joe Morris, 23, and Michael B. Hari, 47, were accused of carrying out a pipe bomb attack on the Dar al-Farooq Islamic Center in Bloomington, Minnesota, on 5 August 2017. The bomb damaged the building, but caused no injuries. While worshippers were gathered for morning prayers, Morris threw a container of diesel and gasoline into the Imam's office. McWhorter lit the fuse on a pipe bomb Hari built and threw it into the office, igniting the fuel.

SOURCE: 21 June 2018, Reuters

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(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Two More Candidates Killed in Mexico in Run-Up to 1 July Elections

(U) Aguililla – Two mayoral candidates in Mexico have been killed in less than 24 hours, bringing to at least 18 the number of candidates killed so far in campaigns leading up to the 1 July elections. An independent mayoral candidate was gunned down in the conflict-ridden rural town of Aguililla in the western state of Michoacan on 20 June. Aguililla is an extensive but sparsely populated mountain township where drug gangs and vigilantes have been active.

SOURCE: 21 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) Netherlands – Dutch Arrest Two Suspected of Preparing Terrorist Attack

(U) Amsterdam – Dutch authorities arrested two men suspected of preparing a terrorist attack. The prosecutor's office said in a statement yesterday that they acted on a tip from the Dutch security services and charged the two with "preparing a terrorist crime and participating in a terrorist organization." It did not elaborate on the potential target. It said the two men are 22 and 27 and that phones and USB sticks were confiscated. No weapons or explosives were found. A third person who was illegally in the country also was detained.

SOURCE: 21 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) Turkey - Turkish Police Detain 14 ISIS Suspects Before Elections

(U) Ankara – Turkish police detained 14 suspected ISIS members who were preparing an attack in Ankara ahead of this weekend's elections, according to media reports. Counter-terrorism police in the capital carried out simultaneous raids and took the suspects, all foreign nationals, to police headquarters for questioning, the agency said. ISIS has carried out numerous bombings across Turkey in recent years, including an attack on a nightclub in Istanbul on 1 January 2017, in which 39 people were killed, and a bombing in the city's historic heart that killed 12 in 2016.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, Reuters

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